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Title: Method and Apparatus for Optimizing A Multivariate Allocation of Resources  
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

Dear Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Please consider and enter the Preliminary Amendment, which is being submitted with this request.

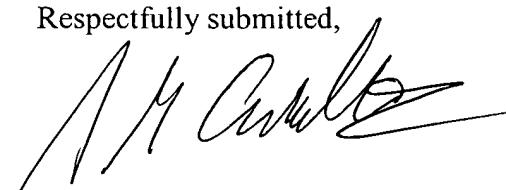
The RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is authorized in an accompanying transmittal letter. Applicants respectfully request issuance of a Notice of Allowance in light of the Preliminary Amendment which accompanies this RCE.

Please contact the undersigned attorney with any questions concerning this request or the above-identified patent application.

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